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Single Audit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (A-07-98-52011)

Attached is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) portion of the Independent Auditor's Report on the Commonwealth of Massach usetts for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1996. The audit was performed by Deloitte & Touche LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The U.S. Department of Transportation's desk review concluded that the audit met Federal requirements (see Appendix A).

We invite your attention to the SSA findings and recommendations (see Appendix B). The audit disclosed that the Massach usetts Disability Determination Services: (1) lacked control over payment vouchers for medical examiner reports; (2) lacked appropriate segregation of duties for purch asing and payment of goods less than \$500; and (3) needed to improve its Medical Examiner Reports Payment System. We have also attached the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (see Appendix C) and the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance (see Appendix D).

Please inform us of your resolution of this report by sending copies of the final Audit Clearance Document to Mark Bailey in Kansas City and Paul Wood in Baltimore. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Bailey at (816) 936-5591.

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